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SUBJECT NPDES General Permit No. GAR 100002

On September 24, 2013, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), issued the new NPDES General Permit No. GAR 100002, regulating storm-water discharges associated with infrastructure construction projects. The terms of the Permit are effective September 24, 2013, and apply to GDOT projects requiring Notice-Of-Intent (NOI).

The permit is published on EPDs website at: <http://www.gaepd.org/npdes/PDF/20130923171509.pdf>. EPD has also published a "Fact Sheet" summarizing the changes in the new Permit at their website below. See SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO PART IV. EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN: http://www.gaepd.org/npdes/PDF/DRAFT_StormWater_NPDES_Permit_Fact_Sheet_Y2013.pdf

Both the Erosion Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (ESPCP) and NOI are affected by the terms of the new Permit. GDOT projects submitted for upcoming Lettings that do not have NOI approval prior to September 24, 2013, will require revisions to ESPCP by either Revision before advertisement, Amendment after advertisement, or by Use-On-Construction Revision after award. Revisions to ESPCPs resulting from the new Permit are not expected to be substantial enough to require shifts to scheduled construction Let Dates.

The Permit requires re-issuance of NOI for projects with construction activities occurring on the effective date of this Permit. Therefore, revisions to the NOI for projects already awarded are being handled by the Office of Construction.

The Office of Design Policy & Support has revised the [ESPCP General Notes](#) to match the new Permit, and changes to Shelf Special Provision 167 Water Quality Monitoring are forthcoming.

A revision to the Department's Sediment Basin Detail (D22) will add a "skimmer" to withdraw water from the surface of the basin. This requirement is not applicable for construction activities where the NOI is submitted prior to January 1, 2014. Revision to D22 is forthcoming.

The Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) is scheduled to update their [ESPCP Checklist](#) on January 1, 2014; on their website at: http://gaswcc.georgia.gov/documents-list#field_related_links-95-P.

Further updates to GDOT guidance on this subject will be published over the next couple weeks and notice provided to Project Managers and Design Phase Leaders. If you have any questions feel free to contact Brad McManus at (404) 631-1630, or Jon Griffith at (404) 631-1547.